



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the West Side Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Stephen Nekolek
Suzanne Elefante
Jennifer Lopez
Cynthia Schiesel
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair
Barbara O'Brien

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Kathleen May
Karen Brandel

Advisory Members Absent:

Geoffrey Boyce

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Assistant Chief Kathleen Robinson, Tucson Police Department
Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department
Captain Carla Johnson, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Mike Pryor, Tucson Police Department
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office (Arrived 5:35p.m.)
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor
Detective Carol Dover, Tucson Police Department

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department
Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor
Officer Steven Beller, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Ana Smith, Secretary, City Clerk's Office

Captain Bill Richards introduced Detective Carol Dover.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 21, 2008

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2008, with following corrections:

Page 3, Item #6A, Paragraph 1, should read: Captain Bill Richards stated Captain Napier from Team One took a job as an Assistant Chief in Glendale, Arizona and filling his position was ~~Lieutenant Knipp~~ **Lieutenant Timpf**, who was promoted to Captain and would be taking over the south division.

Page 4, Item #6B, Paragraph 3, should read: ~~Mr. Leavitt~~ **Assistant Chief Leavitt** stated the Police Department had put forth a number of different strategies to the City and essentially had cut out all the fat.

3. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

4. Presentation: Major Crimes Offender's Unit

(Note: Baird Greene arrived 5:35 p.m.)

Captain Bill Richards stated Lieutenant Mike Pryor was in attendance.

Captain Carla Johnson gave a detailed presentation on the Tucson Police Department (TPD) Property Crimes Division. She distributed a handout detailing recent statistics on property crimes, violent crimes, serious crimes, auto theft, burglaries, and fraud. She stated the handout also contained general information on elder abuse. She briefly mentioned the technology used to catch criminals pertaining to all property crimes and identity theft.

5. Office of the Independent Police Auditor:

A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the Office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor, was working on a new process for the selection of a Police Chief. The Board was instructed to select a committee member to represent CPARB at the Stake Holders meeting in January 2009.

Mr. Barton, stated in the month of October 2008, the IPA office gave one presentation to the Citizens' Police Academy.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD related contacts by members of the public with the Office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor, stated the office received seven inquiries, seven complaints, and reviewed four files that were closed by Internal Affairs. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of thirteen fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by Internal Affairs. He said IPA had disagreed with one, but the issue had been resolved.

6. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Captain Richards announced a decision was made by the Police Chief to cut four Lieutenant positions until the end of the fiscal year in a cost saving measure. This would mean each time a Lieutenant retired. The Tucson Police Department (TPD) would not promote to replace the position. He stated each major patrol division would operate with two Lieutenants as instead of three Lieutenants.

Captain Richards announced Chief Miller, the Chief of Staff, and himself met with the Assistant Chiefs to devise a plan to be more specific in dealing with violent crimes in specific areas. He said there was a higher volume of priority calls dealing with violent crimes. He said this was a concern to himself, constituents, and TPD in general.

Captain Richards stated Lieutenant Jim McShea, midtown division, would be the point-man on a targeted operation, which was part of an initiative that had no end date. TPD was going to focus on certain areas like loud parties, juvenile curfew, and an educational component. Lieutenant McShea would address additional initiatives that he would be responsible for over the next seven days.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the Office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Captain Richards stated twelve cases were reviewed by his office, in which eleven of these cases were car accidents. Captain Richards announced Assistant Chief Kathleen Robinson was in attendance.

7. Recess

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forego recess.

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

(Note: Kathleen May departed at 6:35 p.m. and returned at 6:38 p.m.)

1. Case# 08-0468

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0468 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0414

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0414 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0216

Motion by Stephen Nekolek, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0216 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for October as reported on November 1, 2008.

The Board asked about comment number five which dealt with a constituent complaining about 88-Crime. The constituent stated they put her on hold and never returned to her call. Captain Richards stated 88-Crime was part of the County Attorney's Office and could not answer this question.

The Board asked TPD if someone had followed through with the elderly lady to see if she needed help. The Board asked that this particular issue be forwarded to elderly lady's ward office. The Board believed the Council Member would like to know what was happening in their ward. Captain Richards said he would have someone follow up on this issue.

10. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

11. Report from Chair / Announcements

A. Chair Thornton announced the draft of the Annual Report was done and welcomed any suggestions for the report.

B. Chair Thornton asked the Board if anyone was interested in becoming the CPARB representative for the Police Chief hiring process. Joaquin Murrieta and Cynthia Schiesel stated they would like to participate. Cynthia Schiesel asked for this appointment be placed on the agenda for December 2008.

- C. Chair Thornton announced the December 16, 2008, Citizen Police Advisory Review Board meeting would be held at the Downtown Library, at 5:30 p.m.

12. Future Agenda Items

- A. Presentation by the Media.
- B. The selection of a CPARB member to be the representative for the Police Chief hiring process.
- C. Presentation of changes made at the Police Academy by Captain Shoun.
- D. Presentation on Organized Crime.
- E. Presentation on the Grant/Alvernon Intersection issue.

13. Adjournment – 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.